

Remarks

Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 15, 21, 22, and 24 to correct typographical errors, so as to put the claims in better form for consideration in the pending appeal, as permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

In claims 1, 5, 15, and 24, Applicant has added the word "and" where the word was inadvertently omitted before the final clause. In claim 22, Applicant has deleted the word "and" where the word was inadvertently included after the first clause. In claims 21 and 22, Applicant has replaced some commas with semicolons for consistency of punctuation.

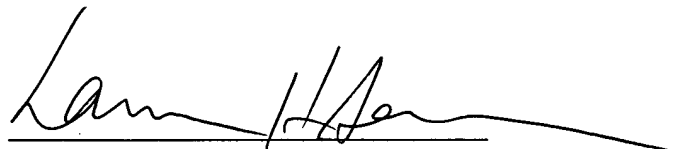
In addition, in claim 21, Applicant has inserted the phrase "digits at an end of" into one of the clauses, where that phrase was inadvertently omitted. Applicant has only now noticed the inadvertent omission of this phrase from the claim. Thus, the representations made throughout prosecution that claim 21 included that phrase were incorrect. However, the express addition of the phrase to claim 21 is fully consistent with the wording of all of the other independent claims and is also consistent with the arguments that Applicant has submitted regarding the claim. Applicant thus believes that this correction of claim 21 does not change the understood meaning of claim 21. Consequently, the amendment should be admitted.

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